

AO 241 (Rev. 06/13)

PETITION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2254 FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS BY A PERSON IN STATE CUSTODY

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United :	States District Court	Di	strict: No	orthern District of Oklah	oma
Name (u	under which you were convicted):	•		Docl	ket or Case No.:
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Place of	f Confinement:			Prisoner No.:	
TU	15a County			#1247	86
Petition	er (include the name under which you were o	convicted) Re	spondent	(authorized person having c	ustody of petitioner)
TCP	Ry Leon Maso	* S-	tat	e of Ou	afforma
The Atto	orney General of the State of:				
		AMENDED PETITION)		FILE I APR 1 6 2015
1.	(a) Name and location of court that	t entered the judgment of	convictio	on you are challenging:	Phil Lombardi, Clerk U.S. DISTRICT COURT
	in The distri			_	O.S. DISTRICT COURT
	Tulsa County				
	(b) Criminal docket or case number	r (if you know):	CR-	-2012-4	414
2.	(a) Date of the judgment of convic	tion (if you know):			
	(b) Date of sentencing:	August	14,	2014	·
3.	Length of sentence: $25\sqrt{Q}$	ars if su	Spar	ided"	
4.	In this case, were you convicted or	n more than one count or	of more t	han one crime?	Yes
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6.	(a) What was your plea? (Check o	ne)			
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(n) L	old you file a petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court? Yes Yes No
	(1) Docket or case number (if you know):
	(2) Result:
	(3) Date of result (if you know):
	(4) Citation to the case (if you know):
Othe	r than the direct appeals listed above, have you previously filed any other petitions, applications, or motions
conc	erning this judgment of conviction in any state court?
If yo	ur answer to Question 10 was "Yes," give the following information:
(a)	(1) Name of court:
	(2) Docket or case number (if you know):
	(3) Date of filing (if you know):
	(4) Nature of the proceeding:
	(5) Grounds raised:
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	(6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your petition, application, or motion?
	☐ Yes Ø No
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(1) Name of court:	V/17			
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	(6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your petition, application, or motion?
	☐ Yes No
	(7) Result:
	(8) Date of result (if you know):
	(d) Did you appeal to the highest state court having jurisdiction over the action taken on your petition, application,
	or motion?
	(1) First petition: Ves No
	(2) Second petition: Yes No
	(3) Third petition:
	(e) If you did not appeal to the highest state court having jurisdiction, explain why you did not:
12.	For this petition, state every ground on which you claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground.
GROU	CAUTION: To proceed in the federal court, you must ordinarily first exhaust (use up) your available state-court remedies on each ground on which you request action by the federal court. Also, if you fail to set forth all the grounds in this petition, you may be barred from presenting additional grounds at a later date. ND ONE: INDOCONTORED ARCONTORED TO COSTANCE COURTS TO
(a) Supp	porting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):
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(b) If you was a line of the l	ou did not exhaust your state remedies on Ground One, explain why: Not grown Counsel to File These, scup Shis a Violation of his a Right to If phoce So

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	appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?	0	Yes	☑ No
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ost-Convicti	on Proceedings:			
(1) Did y	ou raise this issue through a post-conviction motion or petition for habeas co	rpus	in a state	trial court?
	☐ Yes ☐ No			
	r answer to Question (d)(1) is "Yes," state:			
Name an	d location of the court where the motion or petition was filed:	11	4	1.4
Docket o	case number (if you know):			
Date of t	ne court's decision:			
Result (a	tach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available):	H	7	
(3) Did y	ou receive a hearing on your motion or petition?		Yes	D No
(4) Did y	ou appeal from the denial of your motion or petition?		Yes	7 No
(5) If yo	ar answer to Question (d)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal?	◻	Yes	No No
(6) If yo	r answer to Question (d)(4) is "Yes," state:	11		
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Result (a	tach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available):	//	H	
(7) If you	r answer to Question (d)(4) or Question (d)(5) is "No," explain why you did	not r	aise this	issue:

(e) Other Remedies: Describe any other procedures (such as habeas corpus, administrative remedies, etc.) that you have
used to exhaust your state remedies on Ground One: N THE UNITED STATES
District court for The northern District
OF delaftoma
GROUND TWO: as moderate of the CRME
(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):
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(b) If you did not exhaust your state remedies on Ground Two, explain why:
(c) Direct Appeal of Ground Two:
(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?
(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why:
(d) Post-Conviction Proceedings:
(1) Did you raise this issue through a post-conviction motion or petition for habeas corpus in a state trial court?
☐ Yes ☐ No
(2) If your answer to Question (d)(1) is "Yes," state:
Type of motion or petition:
Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed:
Docket or case number (if you know):
Date of the court's decision:
Date of the court's decision:

	(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion or petition?
	(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion or petition?
	(5) If your answer to Question (d)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal? Yes No
	(6) If your answer to Question (d)(4) is "Yes," state:
	Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed:
	Docket or case number (if you know):
	Date of the court's decision:
	Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available):
	(7) If your answer to Question (d)(4) or Question (d)(5) is "No," explain why you did not raise this issue:
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GROU	UND FOUR:
(a) Sup	oporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):
(b) If y	you did not exhaust your state remedies on Ground Four, explain why:
(c)	Direct Appeal of Ground Four:
	(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue? (2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why:
(d)	Post-Conviction Proceedings: (1) Did you raise this issue through a post-conviction motion or petition for habeas corpus in a state trial court?
	Yes No
	(2) If your answer to Question (d)(1) is "Yes," state: Type of motion or petition:

Docket or case number (if you	u know):	4	
Date of the court's decision:	N/H		
Result (attach a copy of the co	ourt's opinion or order, if available):	N/H	
(3) Did you receive a hearing	on your motion or petition?	☐ Yes	₽ ′No
(4) Did you appeal from the c	lenial of your motion or petition?	☐ Yes	No.
(5) If your answer to Question	n (d)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in th	ne appeal? Yes	No
(6) If your answer to Question	n (d)(4) is "Yes," state:	. 10	
Name and location of the cou	rt where the appeal was filed:	//1	
Docket or case number (if you	u know):		
Date of the court's decision:	W/A		
Result (attach a copy of the co	ourt's opinion or order, if available):	V/H	
(7) If your answer to Question	n (d)(4) or Question (d)(5) is "No," explain w	hy you did not raise thi	s issue:
Other Remedies: Describe a	ny other procedures (such as habeas corpus, a	administrative remedies	, etc.) that
have used to exhaust your sta	te remedies on Ground Four:	///	

having jurisdiction?	Please	e answer these additional questions about the petition you are filing:
(b) Is there any ground in this petition that has not been presented in some state or federal court? If so, we ground or grounds have not been presented, and state your reasons for not presenting them: Have you previously filed any type of petition, application, or motion in a federal court regarding the conviction that you challenge in this petition? Yes No If "Yes," state the name and location of the court, the docket or case number, the type of proceeding, the issue raised, the date of the court's decision, and the result for each petition, application, or motion filed. Attach a conform of any court opinion or order, if available. Do you have any petition or appeal now pending (filed and not decided yet) in any court, either state or federal the judgment you are challenging? Yes Yes No If "Yes," state the name and location of the court, the docket or case number, the type of proceeding, and the is	(a)	Have all grounds for relief that you have raised in this petition been presented to the highest state court having jurisdiction? Yes No
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Juagin	ent you are challenging:
(a) At	preliminary hearing:
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(c) At	trial:
(d) At	sentencing:
(e) Or	appeal: W/A
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- (1) A one-year period of limitation shall apply to an application for a writ of habeas corpus by a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court. The limitation period shall run from the latest of -
 - (A) the date on which the judgment became final by the conclusion of direct review or the expiration of the time for seeking such review;
 - (B) the date on which the impediment to filing an application created by State action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the applicant was prevented from filing by such state action;
 - (C) the date on which the constitutional right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if the right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or
 - (D) the date on which the factual predicate of the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

^{*} The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 ("AEDPA") as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d) provides in part that:

	respect to the pertinent judgment or claim is pending shall not be counted toward any period of limitation under this subsection.
Therefore, petition	ner asks that the Court grant the following relief:
Release	defendant from his illegal sontente
or any other relief	to which petitioner may be entitled.
	Signature of Attorney (if any)
	fy, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Petition for orpus was placed in the prison mailing system on $4-13-15$ (month, date, year).
Executed (signed)	on $\frac{4-(3-1)}{}$ (date).
If the person signi	Signature of Petitioner is not signing this petition.
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STATE OF OKLAHOMA,)		SALLY HOWE SMITH, COURT CLERK
Plaintiff, Respondent,)		STATE OF OKLA. TULSA COUNTY
)		
VS.)	Case No.	CF-2012-4414
JERRY LEON MASON,)	Judge Gillert	
Defendant, Petitioner.)		

RESPONSE TO PETITIONER'S APPLICATION FOR POST-CONVICTION RELIEF

COMES NOW the State of Oklahoma, by and through its duly elected District Attorney, Tim Harris, and James Dunn, Assistant District Attorney, and hereby submits the State of Oklahoma's response to the Petitioner's "Application for Post-Conviction Relief."

HISTORY OF PETITIONER'S CASE

Petitioner was charged by an information filed in the District Court on October 3, 2012 with the following offenses:

- 1) Rape-1st Degree
- 2) Burglary-First Degree
- 3) Rape-1st Degree
- 4) Rape-1st Degree

On May 13, 2014 the Petitioner was present, in open court, and represented by Brian Rayl with the Public Defender's Office. The Petitioner was sworn in open court, entered pleas on nolo contendere to counts one (1), two (2), and three (3) as filed as well as count four (4) which had been amended to the offense of forcible sodomy. The Petitioner waived his right to jury and non-jury trial. The Court accepts the Petitioner's pleas of guilty and found the defendant guilty in each count. The Court sentenced the Petitioner in each of count one (1), two (2), three (3), and (4) to twenty five years, with the first eighteen (18) years to be served in the Department of Corrections, and the last seven years to be suspended. Additionally, the Court imposed a \$600.00 fine in count.

The court ordered each of the counts to run concurrent with the other. The Petitioner was advised of his appeal rights. On May 20, 2014 the Petitioner filed a "Motion to Withdraw Plea." On May 21, 2014 the Court signed an Order setting the Motion to Withdraw Plea for hearing on June 16, 2014. On June 11, 2014 the Court reset the hearing on the Petitioner's Motion to Withdraw Plea to June 12, 2014. On June 12, 2014, the Petitioner was present in open court and represented by Matthew Day and Isaiah Parsons. The Petitioner's case was called for hearing on his Motion to Withdraw Plea. A hearing was held where the defense presented the testimony of one witness, and the state presented the testimony of two witnesses. After parties rested, and hearing the argument of both parties, the court overruled the motion to withdraw plea. The Petitioner was advised of his appeal rights.

On June 25, 2014 the Petitioner filed an "Application for Determination of Indigence" and a "Designation of Record for Appeal From District Court." On July 11, 2014 the Petitioner was granted certificate of appeal number C-2014-576. On August 14, 2014 the Petitioner filed an "Application for Post-Conviction Relief" in the District Court. On October 2, 2014 the District Court filed an "Order Declining Jurisdiction" from the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals.

ARGUMENTS AND AUTHORITIES

In Petitioner's "Application for Post-Conviction Relief" the Petitioner states that while his "...notice of intent to appeal was filed outside of the ten days that Rule 4.2 of the Rules of the Court of Criminal Appeals requires..." this was due to Petitioner's inability to make the decision to appeal "...in the requisite short amount of time." Petitioner further argues he was "...not given adequate time to determine whether to appeal..." and was unable to "...make up (his) mind..."

The State would argue that Petitioner Petitioner's indecision over whether to appeal from the Court's denial of his Motion to Withdraw Plea does not constitute a unique circumstance such as to warrant the granting of an appeal out of time. The Petitioner was aware of the time period within which he was required to commence an appeal. Since there are no facts to show that the Petitioner was denied an appeal through no fault of his own, the Court should deny the Petitioner's request for relief.

Respectfully submitted,

TIM HARRIS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

By:

James D. Dunn, OBA# 16829 Assistant District Attorney 900 Tulsa County Courthouse

500 South Denver

Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103-3832

(918) 596-4878

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on the day of	2014, a
true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Response was placed in the	United
States Mail with sufficient postage affixed thereto, addressed to:	

Jerry L. Mason, #124786 Oklahoma State Reformatory P.O. Box 514 Granite, OK 73547

Isaiah Parsons, Esq.
Matthew Day, Esq.
525 South Main Street, Suite 312
Tulsa, OK 74103
Counsel for Petitioner

JAMES\D. DUNN

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

JERRY LEON MASON,)
Petitioner,))
vs.) Case No. 15-CV-167-GKF-TLW
STATE OF OKLAHOMA,)
Respondent.)

ORDER

On April 6, 2015, Petitioner, a state inmate appearing pro se, filed a handwritten document titled "Proportion [sic] of Error" (Dkt. # 1). The document is captioned "United States District Court of the Northern District of Oklahoma" and bears the case number "CF-2012-4414 Judge Gillert." Id. Petitioner did not sign the document. Based on representations in the document, the Clerk of Court opened this 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas corpus action. Before this action may proceed, Petitioner shall be required to cure the filing fee deficiency and file an amended petition for writ of habeas corpus using the court-approved form.

A. Filing fee

To commence a habeas corpus action in this Court, a petitioner is required to submit a \$5.00 filing fee. 28 U.S.C. § 1914. Should the petitioner lack sufficient funds to pay the filing fee, he may file a motion to proceed in forma pauperis, supported by a "Statement of Institutional Accounts" completed and signed by an authorized prison official. In the instant case, Petitioner has neither paid the \$5.00 filing fee nor submitted a motion to proceed in forma pauperis. Therefore, within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order, Petitioner must either (a) pay the \$5.00 filing fee or file a motion

to proceed in forma pauperis, or (b) show cause in writing for his failure to cure the filing fee deficiency.

B. Petitioner shall file an amended petition

Pursuant to the Court's Local Rules, a habeas corpus petitioner is required to prepare his petition using the court-approved form. See LCvR 9.2(A). The document filed by Petitioner in this case is not on the court-approved form. Therefore, before this action may proceed, Petitioner shall be required to file an amended petition prepared on the court-approved form. In his amended petition, Petitioner shall identify the conviction(s) he is challenging and set forth each claim demonstrating that he is "in custody in violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States." 28 U.S.C. § 2254(a). Petitioner shall sign the amended petition. Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(a).

Furthermore, Petitioner must present each constitutional claim in compliance with the requirements specified in § 2254(b) and § 2244(d). Pursuant to § 2254(b), habeas corpus relief may not be granted unless the petitioner has first provided the state courts with the opportunity to correct the alleged constitutional error(s). See 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b). The exhaustion requirement of § 2254(b) is satisfied if Petitioner has fairly presented each of his federal claims to Oklahoma's highest court for criminal matters, the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, or if circumstances exist that render state procedures ineffective to protect Petitioner's rights. In addition, § 2244(d) establishes a one-year limitations period for filing federal habeas petitions. In general, a petitioner seeking habeas corpus relief from a state conviction must file his federal habeas corpus petition within one (1) year of the date his conviction became final. See 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1)(A).

ACCORDINGLY IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

Within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order, or by May 7, 2015, Petitioner shall either
 (a) pay the \$5.00 filing fee or file a motion to proceed in forma pauperis, or (b) show cause in writing for his failure to cure the filing fee deficiency.

- 2. By the above-referenced deadline, Petitioner shall file an amended petition prepared on the court-approved form.
- 3. The Clerk of Court is directed to send Petitioner a blank habeas corpus petition (form AO-241), marked "amended," and a blank motion to proceed in forma pauperis (form AO-240), and identify both forms as Case No. 15-CV-167-GKF-TLW.

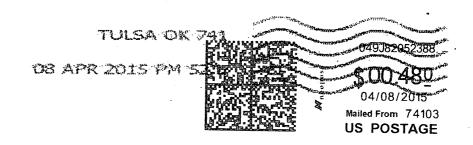
Failure to comply with this Order may result in the dismissal of this action without prejudice and without further notice.

DATED this 7th day of April, 2015.

GREGORY K. FRIZZELL, CHIEF JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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